

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 351 Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Kahn, Murphy.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2005 meeting. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Hune moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Kahn and Murphy. Representative Newell supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The committee met jointly with the House Education Committee.

The Chair laid HB 4594, HB 4595, and HB 4596 before the committee.

HB 4594 Mortimer	Crimes; controlled substances; drug free school zones; expand to prohibit possession of anabolic steroids within 1,000 feet of school property.
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HB 4595 Ball	Crimes; concealed weapons; drug free park zones; expand to prohibit possession of anabolic steroids within 1,000 feet of a park.
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HB 4596 Caul	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; violations in a drug free park zone; include in sentencing guidelines.
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The committee also heard testimony on HB 4118, which was referred to the House Education Committee.

HB 4118 Acciavatti	Education; athletics; state policy prescribing that students who are found to use steroids or certain dietary supplements are ineligible to participate in school sponsored athletics; provide for.
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Representative Daniel Acciavatti, sponsor of HB 4118, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Leslie Mortimer, sponsor of HB 4594, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Richard Ball, sponsor of HB 4595, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Bill Caul, sponsor of HB 4596, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Stacey Hettiger of the House Republican Policy Office testified on the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Dr. Tracy Olrich of Mount Pleasant and Mario Vassallo of Plymouth testified in support of HB 4118. Dr. Olrich and Mr. Vassallo also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of HB 4118, but did not wish to testify:

Bob Morris of the Michigan Department of Education.

Nancy Stanley of the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Louise Somalski of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School-Related Personnel.

Mike Hawks of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Mr. Hawks also submitted written testimony.

Patrick Bird, Superintendent of Richmond Community Schools, submitted a letter in support of HB 4118, but did not wish to testify.

Jean Doss and Matt Hodgman of Families Against Mandatory Minimums submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to testify.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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